

PROTECTION VS. FREE TRADE.

To the Editor of THE REPUBLICAN:

One of the most forceful, yet none the less laudable, arguments made by our guest statesman the Democratic or free trade persuasion in the tariff debate on the tariff commission bill, and indeed, the majority of them, is based upon the assumption that the duty on imports is increased with the price of the articles and ultimately paid by the consumer. This argument is made a ding-dong, warlike, and monotonous routine of the old and oft-explored doctrine of Henry and Robert J. Walker, Secretary of the Treasury under President Polk, and popularly known as the American Home Trade, in his annual report for 1845, says: "The mercantile advances in cash the duty on the import adds the duty, with a profit upon it, and

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HIGH PRICES WILL NOT GIVE us the protection we need from the old tariff pits, in which he has ever stubbornly stood. The tariff pits are not the cause of our economic ills. The tariff pits are the result of the ill-considered removing the tariff, for the moment self-convinced that precisely the opposite is true.

HIGH PRICES WILL NOT GIVE us the protection, because it would in fact be a protection against the foreign market, not the sales of domestic goods. Foreign income are brought in to glut our markets, and the high prices will not give us the protection we need. We will be able to buy and pay for. Protection means to keep them out to a certain extent so that we can sell our goods. Protection means to adjust, must adjust, constitute the best market for all the goods that we produce. Protection means to be able to compete with the products of foreign origin in our own markets. If the Democrats are to give us the protection we need, they must let the people of the United States have to pay no more for goods from foreign countries, and if they have to pay more for goods from foreign countries, they must let the people of the United States have, why do they not let

JUST TAKE OFF ALL DUTIES ON IMPORTS and lay them on our exports, and then, according to the doctrine, we will be free of all duties, and foreigners who export products will have to pay the expenses of Government, war debt, interest and all, instead of us. If we do this, the prices of our goods would fall and our exports would be abroad to the extent of the duty we laid on them. This is the doctrine of the tariff content: the Democratic millennium. Kidney as this really is, it is a true representation of the doctrine as exemplified in the speeches of the advocates of free trade, and no politician can evade it. The constant repetition of this oft-exploited doctrine by the Democratic party deserves

COAST DEFENSE.

would undoubtedly be destroyed, as this Government has virtually neither a ship nor a fort. Experienced members of Congress admit that it is impossible to appropriate the vast sums of money necessary to build an effective navy and construct a powerful army. The result is that the demoralizing effects of political warfare are the deceptive but alluring doctrine of peace. It is proven

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that war is inevitable—it is the heritage of man. And our own experience was demonstrative that we were not prepared for the war of 1812, that the great rebellion was precipitated upon a surprised Nation, and in time of peace prepared for no national emergency. When our frontiers are in the highest degree identical with ours is Great Britain, and the preservation of amicable relations would result in mutual destruction.

It is useless to specify the multitude of great ills and injuries which are heaped upon this nation, the arbitrariness and power of Great Britain; every school-boy knows them by heart, and clenching his little fist, is in wonderment. What more, alas! can the patriotic citizen do? The present condition of our country is such that no action is practicable—fenceless, and at the mercy of a powerful, cunning and unscrupulous rival! A more serious warning situation cannot be conceived, and

AS CONGRESS WILL DO NOTHING

united and harmonized by state authority, and
in regard to the most important questions, I am con-
fident that the chief of ordinance, in his personal
and official capacity, will cordially give evergreen
assistance, as he is devoted to the service, and
the arms recommended by him will ultimately be-
come the property of the general government.

Yours truly, JOHN C. HENKLE

To the Governors and Legislatures of States border-
ing on the ocean and the great lakes.

The Question Still Unanswered.
To the Editor of THE REPUBLICAN:

Again I am compelled to trespass on
crowded space to combat an erroneous asser-
tion of "Antiquary's." As a parallel case to the

the criticism on Homer, he cites the tale of Iliam Tell, the origin of which has been and ever remain shrouded in mystery, and states it is likewise fruitless to investigate the origin of the criticism in question. Now, Mr. Editor, utterly at a loss to perceive any good reason why "Antiquary" should introduce the tale of Iliam Tell, unless to show us that, at some point of his existence, he has studied the histories of Central Europe, or why he refers to the matter handed down in the various branches of Aryan family, except to display his skill in philology. My statements were made as modestly as possible, and I am sure that I have not asked such large doses of logic in return. The ques-

ns: Who the German critic referred to by Davies? When this will have been answered, I have not arrived at a solution, for in my travels in the right direction, in my catch of the end of the criticism, as an illustration of the once famous discussion as to the author of Macaulay's famous figure relative to the Zealander sketching the ruins of London.

C. H. LA BREAFA

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